

For the fifth consecutive year Andre Agassi's charitable foundation hosted a Grand Slam for Children that raises money to assist at-risk youth in Las Vegas. With Andre's dedication and tireless efforts, the event raised nearly \$4 million to help these children.

So, to Andre Agassi I congratulate him on his fifth Grand Slam title and also thank him for his outreach and assistance to the children of Nevada. We are indeed proud of him.

STONE COLD PROMOTION OF GARBAGE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, it is not just about the Virgin Mary splattered with cow manure; it is about common decency. The Brooklyn Museum of Art is displaying a portrait of a pedophile that features the handprints of the children he murdered.

Think about it: on display in New York City, the handprints of America's murdered children.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. This is not freedom of expression; this is stone cold promotion of garbage. Congress should be supporting Mayor Giuliani's attempt to stop public funding of this type of trash.

I yield back the handprints of America's murdered children on display in the great City of New York.

CORRECT THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT TO REFLECT HIGHER PER- CENTAGE OF SENIORS

(Mr. MILLER of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my concerns about the Older American Act that was supposed to be on the floor today and apparently will be delayed. This is reauthorization of some very, very important programs in this country, and as a Congressman who represents the largest number of seniors in a congressional district in the southwest part of Florida, it is of great concern for me because of programs like Meals on Wheels and other senior programs that need to be authorized, and they are essential programs.

The bill that was being proposed had some really good innovations and ideas, a care-giver program so that we need to expand upon and create a specialized program for it. However, the real problem in that bill was the funding formula. Florida, having the largest number of seniors, should get its proportionate share of money, but it is biased because it is Florida; and that was just plain wrong to say Florida gets less percentage-wise than other

States. We have more seniors. The seniors keep moving to Florida, and they have got a program in the bill that says its 1987 census numbers are what we are living with.

Mr. Speaker, people keep moving to Florida, and we have got to keep allowing the money to follow the seniors, and that was the only real problem with that bill. Otherwise it is a very good bill, and I hope it is brought back to the floor with the correction.

THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT NEEDS MORE WORK

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, actually H.R. 782, the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act which we have been awaiting for 4 years, had many other problems; and it is best that it was pulled. This is legislation that is vitally needed so we can better fund and prioritize programs for senior citizens.

But the bill was going to take money from the Older American Employment programs, away from the efficient, the private nonprivate providers and dump it on State bureaucracies that have no track record and in fact where they do have a track record, one that is less effective and less efficient. It also was going to cut congregant meals for seniors under the theory that they should just stay home; it is cheaper to serve them there than to have them come to congregant meal sites, missing out on the vital socialization function and others things that go on there.

It was a bad bill, and it is best that it was pulled. It needs more work before it comes to the floor of the House, and it should come under open rule so amendments can be offered. We have waited 4 years. It should not be under a closed procedure.

PROTECTING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, PART OF RONALD REAGAN'S DREAM

(Mr. ROHRABACHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, back in the 1980's I had the honor of being one of Ronald Reagan's speech writers and worked with him closely in developing some of the ideas that were under attack then but nowadays seem to have come to fruition. And it is difficult for me to come here today and to just especially in light of what Edmond Morris has written about the President and is writing about the President, saying about President Reagan, but I think we should all remember that Ronald Reagan had a vision and set America in motion to do things that have put us in an era of prosperity and an era of peace.

I was there when Ronald Reagan, for example, launched the program aimed at developing a missile defense system for the United States of America. Everybody said that it could not be done. He was ridiculed. He wanted a system that, if someone were shooting a missile at us were armed with an atomic bomb, a nuclear warhead, that we could have protected from that, thus saving millions of Americans. And they said it could not be done. They ridiculed him, and of course this weekend I am proud to announce that we have had another successful test of an anti-missile system to protect the American people, part of Ronald Reagan's dream.

DEMOCRATIC CALLOUSNESS

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, the do-nothing Democrats are at it again.

This morning the Census Bureau announced that the ranks of the uninsured have grown by one million people in this last year. How did the do-nothing Democrats respond to that news? Well, essentially, Mr. Speaker, they told the uninsured to drop dead. That is right. They scheduled a press conference for this afternoon to denounce our access bill for the uninsured. On the very day we learn that 44.3 million Americans went without health insurance last year, the Democrats announce that they are standing in the hospital door to make sure that no Republican gets credit for helping the uninsured.

How callous can they be?

And where are their solutions for the uninsured? Nowhere to be seen.

Meanwhile, they are calling our access bill for the uninsured a poison pill. How dare they.

Now I ask you, Mr. Speaker, what is poisonous about expanding community health centers for the poor? What is poisonous about giving the cashier at the hardware store the same tax deduction for health care that now a corporate CEO gets? What is poisonous about letting every American have a medical savings account? What is poisonous about letting small business band together to buy cheaper coverage for their workers? What is poisonous, Mr. Speaker, about giving hard-working families special relief for providing long-term care for their aging parents?

Mr. Speaker, there are 44.3 million Americans that do not think access to affordable health coverage is a poison pill. The only poison in this debate is the callousness of the do-nothing Democrats. They ought to be ashamed, Mr. Speaker.